

## Instructor

Rev. Lui Tran, Ph.D.

The Reverend Lui Tran was born in South Vietnam. With his parents he immigrated to Switzerland as a young child. He grew up, was baptized in the Swiss Evangelical-Reformed Church and schooled in the German-speaking part of this alpine country. While serving in the Swiss army as infantry officer, Lui studied law at the University of Bern. Upon graduating from university, he worked for Amnesty International and the Swiss Federal Department of Justice as a lawyer.

Pastor Lui came to the United States in 1994 where he attended Harvard Law School. After completing his studies at Harvard, he moved to Montreal, Canada to pursue a teaching career, enrolling in the doctoral program at McGill University. After receiving his Ph.D. in international law in 1999, Lui answered God's call and left his legal career to become a missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators, serving in Africa and Southern California.



In 2001, after completing his assignment with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Lui enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at the Claremont School of Theology. While in seminary, he served with Indochinese youths and young adults in leadership training programs and camps, and helped to develop the English-speaking ministry at the Anaheim Vietnamese United Methodist Church.

Pastor Lui completed his seminary training, was commissioned as a provisional elder in the California-Pacific Annual Conference. Since July 1, 2008 Rev. Tran serves as senior pastor of Downey United Methodist Church. Prior to that, Pastor Lui served at Knollwood UMC in Granada Hills.

Lui is married to Traci. They have a son, Benjamin. Lui loves non-fiction books, ice cream, good food, traveling, rock music, and spending time with his family.

## CORE Principles

**C**ommitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

**O**ffering Praise to God Through Worship.

**R**eaching Out to the Unchurched in the World.

**E**quipping and Empowering Believers to Become Mature Disciples.



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2009 Spring Classes

Discipleship 101 - 301

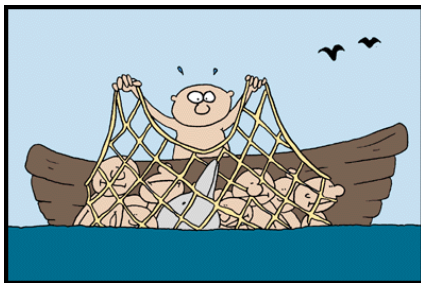
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## What is Discipleship?

**C**ome, follow Me! And I will make you fishers of people.” These are the words Jesus Christ spoke to His followers two thousand years ago. They became His disciples and later were called *Christians*—little “Christ.” Hence a Christian is someone who strives to be just like Christ, in speech, thought, conduct and lifestyle.

*Discipleship* is the spiritually rewarding path a person takes to become like Jesus, similar to the physical training an individual undergoes to become an athlete. Just like the body, the human soul and mind need regular exercise to stay in shape.



Whether you are a new or seasoned believer, you need to keep your mind, soul and body connected to God and your fellow Christians. But how do you go about? *Discipleship* helps you to broaden and deepen your faith and to develop your skills as a fisher of people.

### Discipleship 101

**CORE Christian Beliefs:** This 6-week class introduces interested persons, new believers and new members to the basics of Christianity and its biblical foundations. What does the Bible say about God, humanity and the Church? This class is recommended for those who plan to take *United Methodism 101*.

No pre-requisites. Instructor: Melody Ashley  
Day: Sundays. Time: 11:30 AM—12:30 PM.

Begin: March 1, 2009.

Location: Room 117



### Discipleship 201

**Practicing Christian Discipleship:**

In this 5-week class, you will learn to live out your Christian faith. This class

focuses on John Wesley's means of grace, spiritual practices that keep believers connected to God's grace, such as worship, Bible study, giving, Holy Communion, service and forgiveness. We will discuss the practical aspects of the Christian faith. This class is recommended for those who have taken or plan to take *CORE Christian Beliefs*.

Day: Sundays Time: 11:30 AM—12:30 PM.

Begin: May 31. Location: Room 117

### Discipleship 301

**United Methodism 101:** Designed for new members and anyone interested, this 5-week class is an introduction to the history, doctrines, polity and practices of The United Methodist Church. Learn what it means to be a United Methodist and what distinguishes the UMC from other Protestant denominations.

Pre-requisite: "CORE Christian Beliefs" class.

Day: Sundays. Time: 11:30 AM—12:30 PM.

Begin: April 19 Location: Room 117.

## Registration Form

Sign up for:	Begin/Day	Time
<input type="checkbox"/> CORE Christian Beliefs	March 1/Sun	11:30-12:30
<input type="checkbox"/> Practicing Chr. Discipleship	May 31/Sun	11:30-12:30
<input type="checkbox"/> United Methodism 101	Apr. 19/Sun	11:30-12:30

## Registration is FREE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Commitment

*I hereby covenant with God and my fellow students that I will faithfully attend and actively participate in the classes I registered for. I will listen to different opinions and viewpoints expressed by others and treat them with respect and Christian love. As a participant in the adult Christian education program at Downey UMC I am committed to learning and personal growth, and to helping my classmates learn and grow.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration by February 15, 2009 to:

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